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# Puzzle it out



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**The Witness**



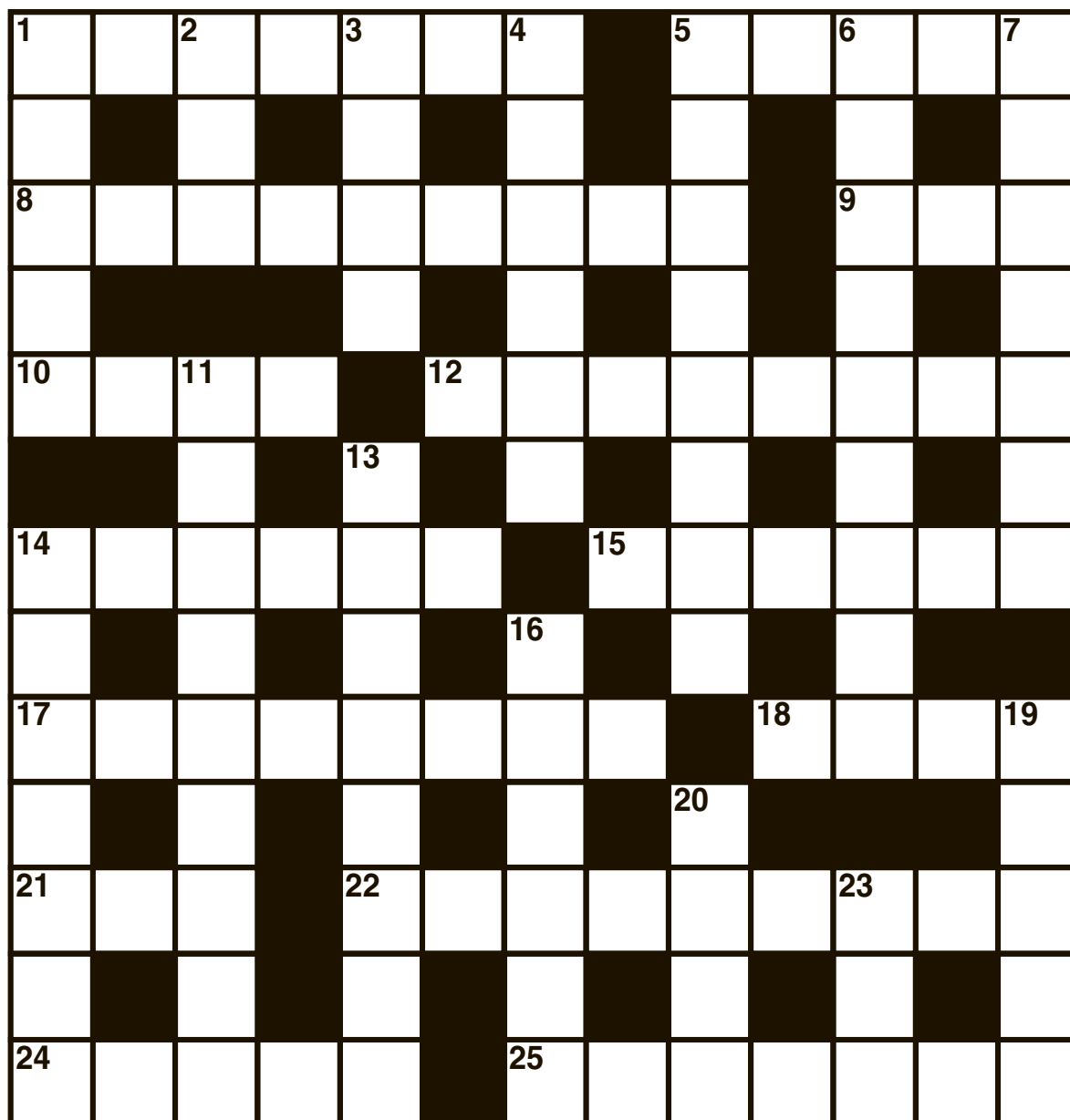
**Across**

- 1 Futuristic ball (7)  
 5 Nothing in strange call about neighbourhood (5)  
 8 Abandoned type caressing outside university (9)  
 9 This hat is out of date (3)  
 10 Fabric of the law (4)  
 12 Give an account of French writer (8)  
 14 This ring is impressive (6)  
 15 She dabbled with TNT in decimal quantities (6)  
 17 Stop and relax with a shower (8)  
 18 Hospital's crossbeam? (1-3)  
 21 Edible part of overripe apricot (3)  
 22 How the heat can knock one out (9)  
 24 Levels the score and quits (5)  
 25 Fancied someone said to be a visitor (7)

**Down**

- 1 Slaps on the wrist (5)  
 2 The second person attempting this puzzle (3)  
 3 Such a fuss getting to the party (2-2)  
 4 In a new role it may make no attempt to hurry (6)  
 5 There must be the will to provide them (8)  
 6 Vocal stallholder (9)  
 7 They are made to scale (7)  
 11 Member is not in time to see the bill through (9)  
 13 Catches the sound of about ten cheers (8)  
 14 Weight on one's conscience? (7)  
 16 Contemporary means of subsistence (6)  
 19 Submit a return (5)  
 20 Spell it out to me (4)  
 23 A fool when soft-headed (3)

Cryptic Crossword 18175

**Cryptic Solution 18174**

**Across:** 1 Microdot, 5 Road, 9 Nasal, 10 Troughs, 11 Contaminates,  
 13 Affirm, 14 Ablaze, 17 Ghost stories, 20 Anemone, 21 Inane, 22 Sham,  
 23 Sturgeon.

**Down:** 1 Mine, 2 Cast off, 3 Obliteration, 4 On time, 6 Ought, 7 Disaster, 8  
 Sound barrier, 12 Gangways, 15 Average, 16 Street, 18 Opera, 19 Tern.

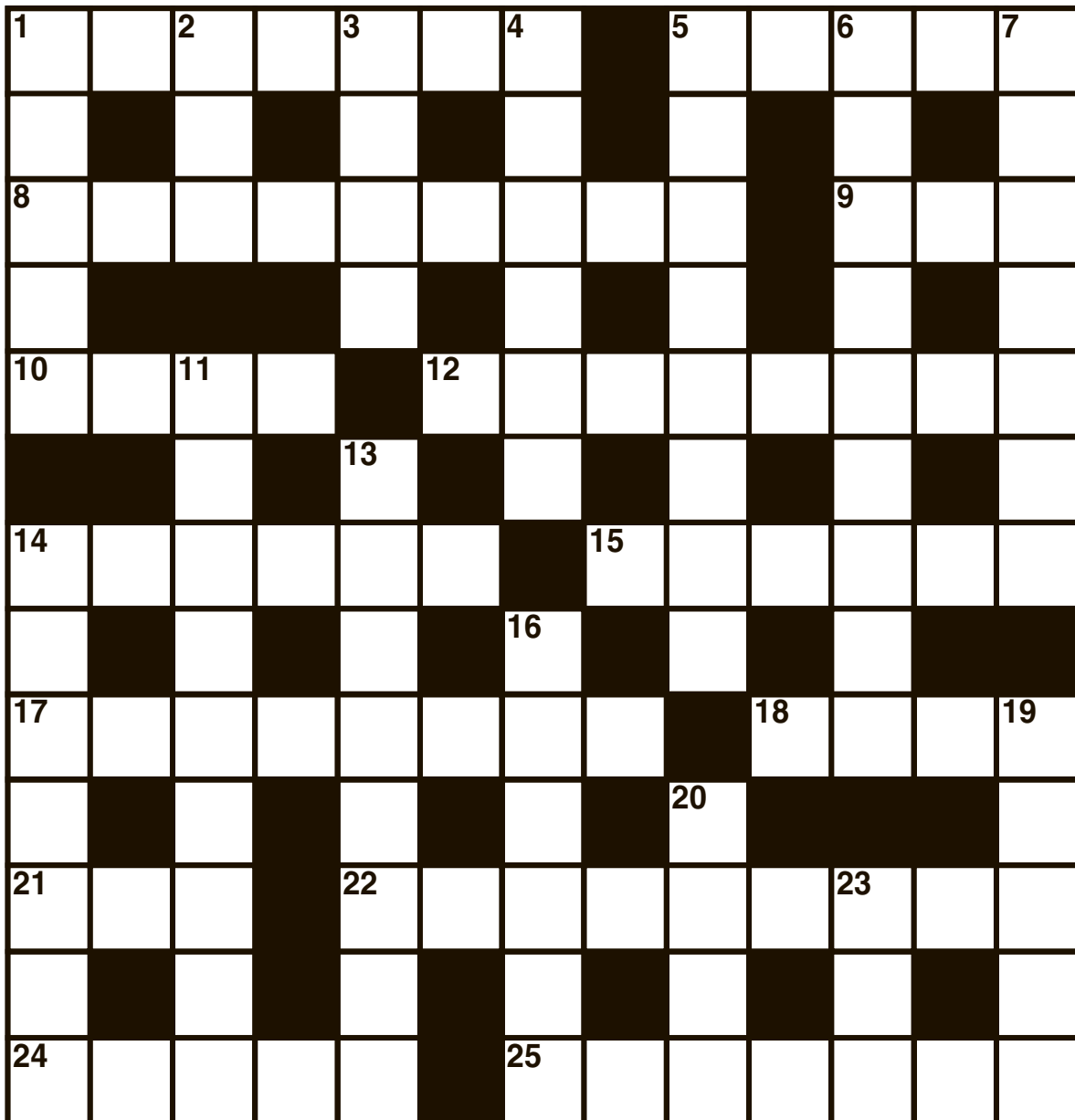
**Across**

- 1 A rheumatic pain (7)  
 5 Vertically (5)  
 8 Rampage frenziedly (2,7)  
 9 Small tool for piercing holes (3)  
 10 Grounds for regret (4)  
 12 Continuous (8)  
 14 Hinder (6)  
 15 Personal bearing (6)  
 17 Heart attack (8)  
 18 Rung of ladder (4)  
 21 At the moment (3)  
 22 Lacking the required quality (9)  
 24 In good time (5)  
 25 Contingent obligations (7)

**Down**

- 1 Help in mounting a horse (3,2)  
 2 Crowd around and annoy (3)  
 3 Crooked (4)  
 4 Medium-sized American wildcat (6)  
 5 Country in Indian subcontinent (8)  
 6 Face-to-face with (2,7)  
 7 Reinforce (7)  
 11 High social origin (3,6)  
 13 Associate inseparably (8)  
 14 Enrage (7)  
 16 A summary (6)  
 19 Journalists collectively (5)  
 20 Stimulus (4)  
 23 Prohibit (3)

10-Minute Crossword 18175

**10-Minute Solution 18174**

**Across:** 1 Comeback, 5 Epee, 9 Scald, 10 Show off, 11 Out on one's ear, 13 Uneven, 14 Stable, 17 Bear the brunt, 20 Regimen, 21 Knave, 22 Then, 23 Befriend.

**Down:** 1 Case, 2 Measure, 3 Bide one's time, 4 Custom, 6 Probe, 7 Enforced, 8 Honest broker, 12 Outburst, 15 Bondage, 16 Seance, 18 Angle, 19 Feud.

# SUDOKU

		8			9		1	
3					6			4
			5	4				7
9					1		4	6
	6						3	
4	1		9					5
2				1	8			
8			4					1
	3		6			9		

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

For online tips go to [sudoku.com](http://sudoku.com)

This is the world's most addictive numbers game. The aim is to fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9. You need to reason out where to place the missing numbers by using the numbers given in the grid and a process of elimination. This is a game of logic not mathematical ability.

Yesterday's solution:

2	1	4	5	9	3	7	6	8
7	8	6	2	1	4	5	3	9
5	3	9	6	8	7	2	1	4
1	7	8	4	6	9	3	2	5
3	9	5	1	2	8	4	7	6
4	6	2	3	7	5	8	9	1
6	4	7	9	5	2	1	8	3
8	5	1	7	3	6	9	4	2
9	2	3	8	4	1	6	5	7

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Using the letter V somewhere in every word, can you make at least 15 words of four letters or more out of these letters? At least one word will have all the letters.  
No proper names.

V	I	M	P	I
	A	S	E	S

**Yesterday's answer:** Anent, Anise, Ante, Anti, Asinine, Aunt, Auntie, Ennui, Inane, Innate, Insane, Inset, Insinuate, Nates, Neat, Nest, Nine, Nisei, Nisi, Sain, Saint, Sane, Satin, Senna, Sennit, Sent, Sienna, Sine, Sinnet, Sinuate, Stain, Stein, Stun, Suint, Sunn, Sunna, Suntan, Tennis, Tenuis, Tine, Tinea, Tisane, Tuan, Tuna, Tune, Tunes, Unit, Unite, Unseat, Unset, Untie

# SIMON SHUKER'S CODE-CRACKER

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Each number in our Code-Cracker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. For example, today 9 represents C so fill in C every time the figure 9 appears. You have two letters in the control grid to start you off. Enter them in the appropriate squares in the main grid and solve the starter word. Fill in other squares in the main and control grids with the found letters and look for the next word. Follow the word trail through the puzzle to its completion.

1	2	3	4	2	5	2		6	7	4	3	2	1	14	
7		8				9		10		11		12	2	15	
2	13	2	10			14	9	15	7	7	8	16	10	3	16
10		6		14		7		1		17		4	4	17	
18	12	14	15	19	2	14	15	16	10			12	5	18	
		2		2		20				18		21	6	19	
2	9	9	16	8	20		2	9	9	16	6	20	7	20 <b>T</b>	
6		3				7		7		4			8	21	
6			18	12	14	9	4	7	14	22	10	16	9	22 <b>C</b>	
16		14		5		9		4		14		8	10	23	
2	6	6	4	12	23	22	16		14	12	24	16	11	24	
10		22		16		4				7		25	12	25	
14	12	8	26	14			20	7	22	10	8	16	11	13	26

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**A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z**

Solution to the previous Code-Cracker:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
C	A	P	S	I	Z	E	G	J	O	L	X	V	T	N	Q	W	K	B	U	F	D	Y	R	H	M